

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Board Members in Attendance

Dani Murakami
Morgan Selph
Bob Vanbibber
Dana Dimitrich
Doug Hill

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Bob Vanbibber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Vanbibber made a motion to approve the February 12, 2014 board minutes as written Morgan Selph second. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Elliot – none

YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE FUNDING PRIORITY DISCUSSION

Doug Hill explains youth baseball is something they have struggled with in the past and gives the background of youth baseball in Murray city. Said he was looking for ideas for the funding the Mayor has given them and how best to prioritize it. Murray city has three independent leagues that the city works with. They take care of their fields and prep them for game time and provide the facilities. The Liberty league ages 6-12, the Babe Ruth baseball league ages 13-17, and the Girls Softball league. Problem #1 - There has been a concern with outside teams coming in and taking fields away from Murray city teams. Doug has felt more sympathetic to the Murray teams and wants to take care of them by allowing them to play on their home fields more. He wants to give priority to the Murray teams. Other teams using the field pay a per player fee to use Murray fields. In order for a team to be considered a Murray team the majority of the players need to be from Murray. Everyone agrees that the Murray super league team, should have access to the fields to practice and play, using one field. It is not Murray City's responsibility to provide fields for the other teams and leagues. Problem #2 – Babe Ruth Baseball League who plays at Ken Price and Willow Pond. Super League teams outside of Murray have been denied the opportunity to play on Ken Price and Willow Pond even though they have some Murray kids playing on their teams. Those kids have now come to the Mayor and asked if Murray City can provide a super league team. So the Mayor said we should try it and put some money in the budget for next year. There is some field space on the schedule for Ken Price and Willow Pond. There is a concern of not having enough fields for the super league. There are around 400 games a year played on the Ken Price field with all the age groups baseball offers. Another concern is the kids that won't have the money to play super league. The average cost for a super league player is around \$100 each. A board member mentioned that if Murray City funds a baseball league there will have to be one for basketball as well, which is a concern. Final thought, for the Murray Girls softball league, things will continue the same until the day comes when no one steps up to take over and they come to the city to get help running the softball league. Keeping it the same is keeping costs down for the city.

BYCYCLE LANE DISCUSSION

Elliot explains the background on the bicycle lanes. The city has recently been approached by bicycle organizations in wanting to see more bike lanes not only in Murray but in the county. It seems to be becoming more of an important issue. There is an independent city bike group. Salt Lake City does have shared bikes available but Murray does not. To clarify bike lanes, you have shared bike lanes, which is a shoulder area off to the side of the road. Murray does offer these around the city, like 4800 south. It is not a dedicated bike lane. Cars can park there if they choose. The county has together a task force to put things together to become more dedicated to bikers starting some time later this summer. This is to get people involved in understanding potential bike routes. Murray city wanted to be involved in this movement. Maps were shown in their packets about the bike routes from 2003. UCAT was talked about as being the bike routes compared to the UTA bus routes for bikes. This would be an opportunity for the city to get involved and say what bike routes would be beneficial to the city. A bike lane must be a minimum of 5 feet. They discussed to have a travel lane and a shared bike lane on Vine Street. Someone from the city board could represent the city on the bike board for the county. Dani said she would do it.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO PAINT HIDDEN VILLAGE PARK BASEKTBALL COURT FOR PICKLEBALL

Doug Hill states we have quite a group of pickleball players throughout the community and growing. Morgan stated the Utah Pickleball Association made a couple serious requests. The city has painted 6 courts inside the park center and two in the parking lot. The courts at Germania have also been restriped for pickleball since no one has used it for basketball. The idea was mentioned by a group of pickle ball players to paint lines on Hidden Village basketball courts like Germania. The basketball lines would stay on the court. It is a first come first serve basis. Cost would be about \$1,000 to stripe them. Parks & Rec says it's in the budget. They mentioned a TV news piece done on the park center with pickle ball posted on the city website. It was stated that there are a couple of the country's best pickleball players from Utah and the county only has a couple regulation painted courts. One is located at the Draper senior center another is in Salt Lake City somewhere. Bob Vanbibber made a motion to move forward striping the Hidden Village basketball courts with pickleball lines. The motion was unanimous.

CONSIDER REQUEST BY DEVELOPERS ADJACENT TO MURRAY PARK TO INSTALL A SEWER LINE IN THE PARK AND DEDICATED LAND/BUILDING TO THE CITY FOR PARK USE

Doug Hill begins by pulling out a city map and explaining the layout of city boundaries and explains there has been a proposal for a sewer line to be installed under a certain boundary and then give the land and building underneath it to the city for park use. He mentions the building for storage by Kim Sorensen in the recreation department for equipment. The building is in good shape and does not need renovation. Says it has a dirt floor with masonry walls, asphalt shingle ceiling. The city would have to maintain the wear and tear of it. A question was made to the board about there being an issue with this property being dedicated to the city and incorporating it to the park. Second issue is the sewer line, as long as it doesn't take away from park use like soccer fields. Bob Vanbibber makes a motion to accept the sewer line plan from the developer on Vine Street between the park entrance and Parkside Elementary, and

accept the ground for additional park property with stipulation the land owner is in charge of the sewer line until it joins Murray city park property. Dana seconds. The vote is unanimous.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doug Hill explained Mayor Eyer's budget was reported to the city council and they approved the Mayor's budget with a few modifications and now there will be a public hearing. The operating budget was explained briefly. The City is paying for City employee's increased retirement costs, increased health insurance costs, 1% cost of living adjustment, and up to 2% merit. Other than that the operating budget is pretty much the same. He mentions the capital improvement budget. There was \$150,000 that was allocated to the Murray City Parkway improvement, new shower heads at the Park Center for \$20,000, and new soccer goals for \$15,000. There was \$20,000 dedicated to locating pickleball courts and pouring the concrete pad. They are wanting to save up on the money for future purchase to do it the right way, and to buy two utility vehicles. There was \$50,000 for the Murray City amphitheater remodel. The Heritage Center needs a 14 passenger vehicle for \$70,000. There was \$300,000 for the irrigation system in the cemetery. There is \$143,000 for capital projects on the golf course.

QUESTIONS

No questions

ADJOURNMENT

Morgan Selph made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dana Dimitrich seconded that motion. Motion was unanimous and meeting adjourned.